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### **The U.S. Army's Future Combat Systems (FCS) Program Change of Leadership**

**Washington DC, 28, OCT 2008**—The Army announced a change of leadership for its cornerstone modernization program, Future Combat Systems. Major General Charles Cartwright, who has lead the effort for more than four years, is retiring. He will be followed by Major General John R. Bartley as Program Manager Future Combat Systems (Brigade Combat Team).

Under Cartwright's leadership, the program has gone from development to the test and build phase with Soldiers now evaluating hardware and software. The FCS program has produced the first Manned Ground Vehicle prototype and is preparing to field equipment to the Army's Infantry Soldiers. FCS will provide the critical capabilities Soldiers require to operate across the full spectrum of conflict as envisioned in the Army's new doctrinal manual, FM 3-0.

FCS is the only Army acquisition program led by a two star program manager who reports directly to the Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology). Cartwright assumed his duty at FCS Program Manager in June 2004. Prior to that, he was the Systems of Systems Integrator at the Army's Research Development and Engineering Command.

Major General John R. Bartley, a graduate of the United States Military Academy, is currently the Army's Program Executive Officer for Combat Support and Combat Service Support where he manages the Army's current and future tactical vehicle fleet and its support mechanisms. He was responsible for the Army's ongoing effort in the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle program.

No stranger to FCS, Bartley held the position of deputy program manger FCS program integration until his selection as a program executive officer in 2005. He will lead FCS through its preliminary design review and next year's Defense Acquisition Board review of the program. Additionally, he will bring FCS Manned Ground Vehicles (MGVs) through system design and development and into production. MGVs are the key to delivering the full future network to platoons and companies in combat while on the move.

"General Cartwright led the FCS government and industry teams for four and a half years. The revolutionary FCS acquisition approach enabled the Army to focus on integrated capabilities vice individual systems, and many of those capabilities are being initially fielded in Iraq and Afghanistan today. General Bartley's extensive acquisition and operational knowledge, combined with 30+ months experience as deputy program manager for FCS integration, make him exactly the right person to continue the FCS momentum with further testing and prototype builds, leading to production of FCS capabilities," said Lt. Gen. Ross M. Thompson, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

***The U.S. Army Future Combat Systems Program is the cornerstone to Army modernization efforts.***